



NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION **MEDIA ADVISORY**

TAHOE SUMMIT: STATE LEADERS TO DISCUSS WATER QUALITY AND PLANNING TO RESTORE LAKE TAHOE

CARSON CITY—Allen Biaggi, director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Leo Drozdoff, administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection will speak Sunday morning at the 2005 Lake Tahoe Summit at Commons Beach in Tahoe City. A panel discussion on water quality includes remarks by Allen Biaggi on the past, present and future of protecting Lake Tahoe. A planning panel includes remarks by Leo Drozdoff on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and what it means for Lake Tahoe.

- WHO:** Allen Biaggi, director, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Leo Drozdoff, administrator, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
- WHAT:** 2005 Lake Tahoe Summit
- WHERE:** Commons Beach in Tahoe City, Calif.
- WHEN:** Opening remarks at 9 a.m. followed by panel discussions
- WHY:** Lake Tahoe is at risk. Since 1968 there has been a decline of Lake Tahoe clarity at the rate of nearly one foot per year. Since the inception of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) in 1970, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has had membership in the Board. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has been working for more than three decades to improve water quality and develop water protection programs in the basin. In 2001, the State of Nevada, through the NDEP, joined forces with the State of California, through the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board to address Lake Tahoe's legendary but declining clarity. Lake Tahoe is a national model of water protection efforts through the strong local, bi-state and national commitment to preserve and restore this pristine water body. Collaboration and events such as the annual Lake Tahoe Summit keep the issue of lake protection on the forefront of environmental priorities.

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